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Applicant: Thomas KLENK et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.